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Our Case No.: <u>1391-1553</u>

Examiner: Arthur L. Corbin

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Roman M. Barabolak et al.

Serial No.: 10/619,849

Filing Date: July 14, 2003

For: METHOD OF CONTROLLING RELEASE OF

ANTIMICROBIAL AGENTS IN CHEWING GUM AND GUM PRODUCED THEREBY

## PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR § 1.136(a))

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of the time to respond to Office Action dated December 10, 2004 for a period of One (1) month(s).

Applicant:

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		claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. §1.27.			
	$\boxtimes$	is other than small entity			
		Extension <u>Months</u>	Other Than <b>Small Entity</b>	Small Entity	
		One Month Two Months Three Months Four Months Five Months	\$120.00 \$450.00 \$1,020.00 \$1,590.00 \$2,160.00	\$60.00 \$225.00 \$510.00 \$795.00 \$1,080.00	
Fee Payment					
	Attached is a check for \$ for the Petition fee.				
$\boxtimes$	Attac	ached is a credit card authorization form for \$120 for the Petition fee.			
	Petition Charge	rge Petition fee to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this tion is attached. rge any additional fee required or credit for any excess fee paid to Deposit ount No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.			
		Respectfully submitted,			
Dated: April 11, 2005  /Steven P. Shurtz/ Steven P. Shurtz Registration No. 31, 424 Attorney for Applicants					
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